TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 476 - HB 1121

March 9, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense to knowingly use fraud or deception to obtain confidential records of child sexual abuse.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004550): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense to attempt to access or obtain confidential information from the Department of Children's Services (DCS) regarding child abuse or neglect that the person knows is in violation of state or federal laws.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-5-107(f), DCS is required to comply with federal statutes and regulations concerning confidentiality of records.
- There will not be a sufficient number of Class A misdemeanor violations as a result of this legislation to result in a significant increase in local government revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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